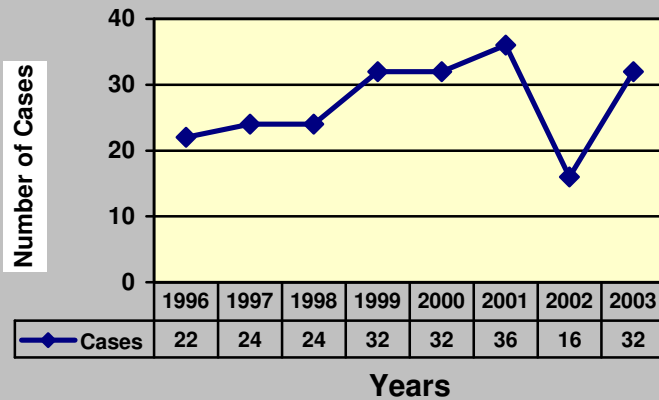


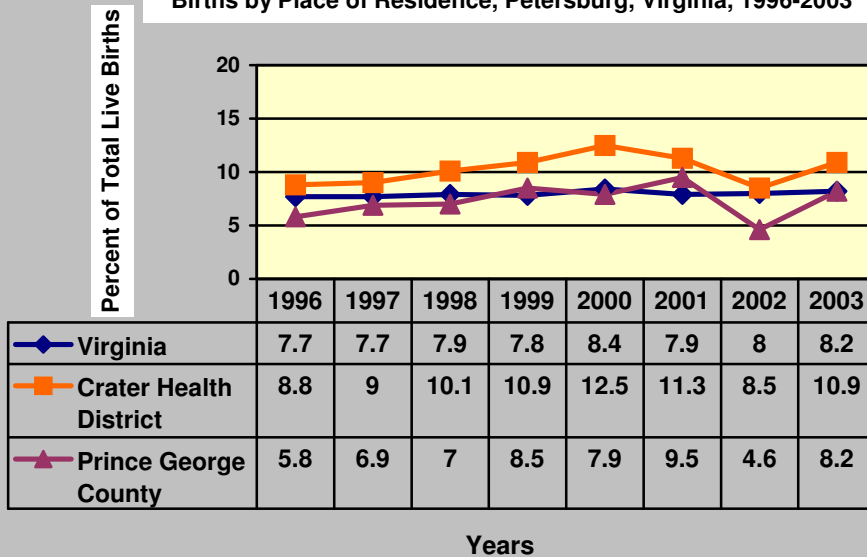
Low Weight Births

Low Weight Live Births (under 5.5 lb.), Number of Cases in Prince George County, Virginia, 1996-2003



Low-birthweight babies made up 8.2 percent of all live births to Prince George residents in 2003, which was the same percentage as Virginia.

Low Weight Live Births (Under 2500 Grams), Percent of Total Live Births by Place of Residence, Petersburg, Virginia, 1996-2003



In 2001 (the most recent year for which national data is available), 6.7 percent of U.S. live births were under 2500 grams, or about 5.5 pounds.

Low-birthweight babies have a higher risk of getting sick and dying during infancy and childhood. Women who smoke, drink alcohol, and use drugs while pregnant, and who don't get adequate medical care are at risk of having a low birth weight baby.